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TO: *His Excellency, Governor Richard W. Riley, Chairman, State Budget and Control Board, and The Members of the South Carolina General Assembly.*

The Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee respectfully submits for consideration its annual report. Included in this report are general data concerning the development of the program and specific data covering the 1980-81 academic year.

Respectfully yours,
Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Higher Education Tuition Grants
Committee

TUITION GRANTS - PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

"Whereas, the General Assembly finds that as a result of the rising school population and the continuously rising cost of providing proper facilities for the higher education of young people, there exists in this State an urgent need to use all available educational resources wisely. A lack of higher educational facilities is inimical to the welfare and prosperity of all residents of the State and to the continued financial growth of the State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly also finds that within the State there exists several accredited independent institutions of higher learning whose facilities could be used effectively in the public interest by providing additional space for students thereby eliminating the need for substantial increases in capital outlay funds;

Whereas, it is vital to the growth of the State that all qualified residents be offered the opportunity for furthering their education.

To achieve this in the most economical manner, students willing to bear the major cost of their education expenses should be assisted where financial need exists in an effort to make their educational goals more readily attainable."

-The Preamble to the Tuition Grants Law

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION GRANTS COMMITTEE

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE AGENCY

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina during the 1970 session passed Act 1191 creating the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee. This Committee was created as a State agency charged with the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the Tuition Grants Program.

HISTORY OF THE AGENCY

In 1970 the General Assembly passed a bill which created the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee, an agency which was charged with the responsibility of administering tuition grants to independent college students. The Governor signed the bill on May 1, 1970. The original appropriation was \$5,000. No awards were made the first year. In 1971-72 the program aided 43 students. In 1972-73, a total of 134 students received awards.

A total of 3,271 grants were made for the 1973-74 academic year. The Committee made awards to 5,186 students for the 1974-75 academic year. 5,784 awards were made to students for the 1975-76 year. 7,516 awards were made to students for the 1976-77 year. During 1977-78 7,758 awards were made. In 1978-79 8,335 students received awards. 7,634 awards were made to students for the 1979-80 year. In 1980-81, 8479* awards have been made.

PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE AGENCY

The South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee has been charged by the General Assembly with the responsibility of administering the Tuition Grants Program. This program allows South Carolina residents who attend independent colleges in this state to receive financial assistance from the state.

All grant recipients must be full-time students, of good moral character and must demonstrate financial need and academic merit. They may not take a course which leads to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.

Eligible students may apply their grants toward tuition and fees at a South Carolina independent college which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or certified for teacher training. The amount of the grant may not exceed the

* 1049 of these awards were half-grants to students for second semester only.

student's financial need or the total of tuition and fees charged by the college. Also, the amount may not exceed the annual subsidy for students who attend public colleges in the state.

In November, 1980, the Tuition Grants Committee distributed application forms to all South Carolina secondary schools and to eligible colleges. The guidance offices at the secondary schools and the financial aid offices at the colleges distributed these application forms to students throughout the state.

The Tuition Grants Office received a total of 11,516 applications for the 1980-81 academic year.

The Tuition Grants Program has opened the door of educational opportunity to thousands of South Carolinians. A survey of grant recipients has indicated that forty-three percent (43%) of the grant awardees would not have gone to college without the grant.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

During the past twelve months staff members participated in thirty-six financial aid programs for parents, students, and high school counselors. These informative sessions were conducted throughout the state in the schools.

Financial Aid Awareness Week was also strongly supported by staff members who manned booths in local shopping centers to contact residents seeking information on methods of financing their post high school education.

In cooperation with the South Carolina Association of Financial Aid Administrators (SCASFAA), the Agency conducted intensive training sessions for professional aid administrators in the State. Over 70 financial aid officers participated in this training effort. Additional training was provided through individual consultation sessions coordinated through the Tuition Grants Agency.

RESOURCES

The state appropriation for 1980-81 \$10,834,659
Federal matching funds through the State

Student Incentive Grants Program..... \$866,126
Total Grants Program Funding \$11,700,785

Total Administrative costs for 1980-81 will be approximately \$149,431 or 1.3% of the appropriation.

1980-81 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Students at nineteen (19) independent colleges in South Carolina were eligible to participate in the Tuition Grants Program during 1980-81. These colleges enrolled a total of 17,030 full-time under-graduate students. Seventy six percent (76%) of these students are from South Carolina.
2. Forty-nine percent of the recipients had a total family income of less than \$15,000 per year. Sixty-six percent (66%) of the students had incomes less than \$21,000 per year. The average 1979 income was \$16,246.
3. Twenty percent (20%) of the 1980-81 award dollars went to South Carolina residents attending the five historically black colleges that participate in the program.
4. The 1980-81 average tuition/fee charge is \$2,764 per year, not including room, board or books. This is an increase of \$346 over the 1979-80 average.
5. Seventy seven percent (77%) of the 1980-81 freshmen tuition grant recipients ranked in the upper half of their high school class.
6. Females accounted for 61% of the 1980-81 awardees.
7. Eighty six percent (86%) of the recipients were dependent upon their parents/guardians for financial support. Fourteen percent (14%) were totally independent and relied only on their own income or that of a spouse.

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**UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME STUDENT ENROLLMENT
AT THE NINETEEN COLLEGES PARTICIPATING
IN TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
Allen							259	404
Anderson	981	1017	1063	1063	961	1027	1101	1035
Baptist	1215	1236	1297	1286	1285	1469	1551	1590
Benedict	1265	1262	1615	1973	2025	1745	1584	1394
Central Wesleyan	276	321	346	338	349	369	355	368
Claflin	746	820	903	985	892	844	854	718
Coker	561	544	403	377	281	254	247	256
Columbia	831	832	783	812	846	849	908	918
Converse	779	764	717	753	767	731	737	735
Erskine	685	715	710	656	647	657	613	644
Furman	1990	2007	2027	2012	2004	2179	2218	2289
Limestone	427	432	464	656	681	1038	1116	1375
Morris	347	389	515	617	640	594	659	593
Newberry	777	828	829	812	810	789	857	797
North Greenville	592	594	555	493	475	477	471	561
Presbyterian	860	812	828	798	808	872	917	917
Spartanburg	794	774	922	903	944	863	809	833
Voorhees	728	846	1007	1042	954	780	692	602
Wofford	1006	982	944	1030	975	956	1032	1001
TOTAL STUDENTS .	14,860	15,175	15,928	16,606	16,344	16,493	16,980	17,030

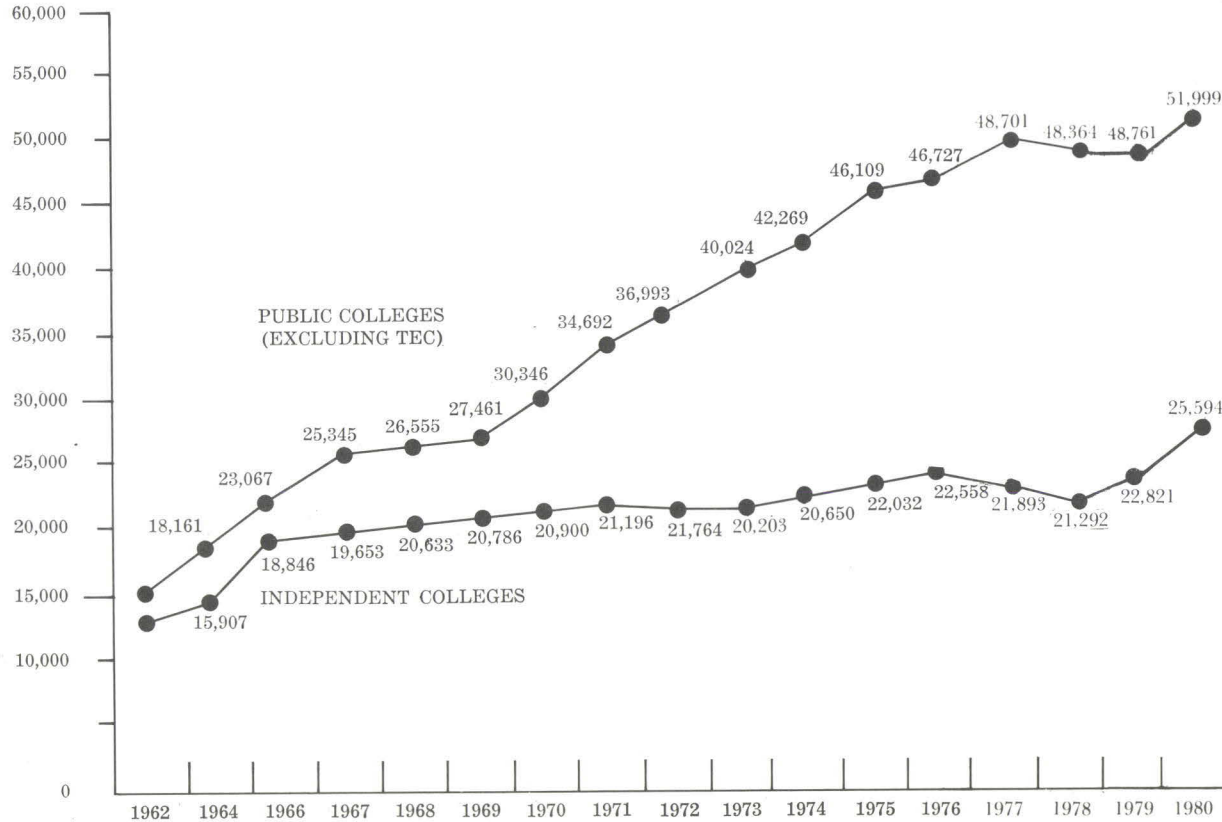
**FULL-TIME FRESHMEN ENROLLMENTS AT THE NINETEEN
COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN TUITION GRANTS
PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
Allen							76	117
Anderson	573	569	662	623	604	778	741	693
Baptist	437	442	552	604	569	794	799	811
Benedict	336	459	687	778	645	530	616	544
Central Wesleyan	94	118	121	103	113	126	126	129
Claflin	268	322	302	297	264	272	278	237
Coker	163	150	127	124	82	86	91	95
Columbia	277	290	253	248	283	314	331	330
Converse	261	234	246	242	228	207	255	257
Erskine	212	240	252	204	206	165	167	174
Furman	609	615	655	631	649	778	703	732
Limestone	135	163	157	193	198	344	330	413
Morris	127	188	205	274	275	206	269	243
Newberry	283	280	303	259	278	248	298	279
North Greenville	450	483	385	282	262	320	382	454
Presbyterian	250	221	252	277	307	345	330	330
Spartanburg	549	623	454	538	527	490	468	483
Voorhees	244	318	327	495	383	385	279	241
Wofford	264	263	257	343	312	321	406	390
TOTAL STUDENTS.	5532	5978	6197	6515	6185	6709	6945	6952

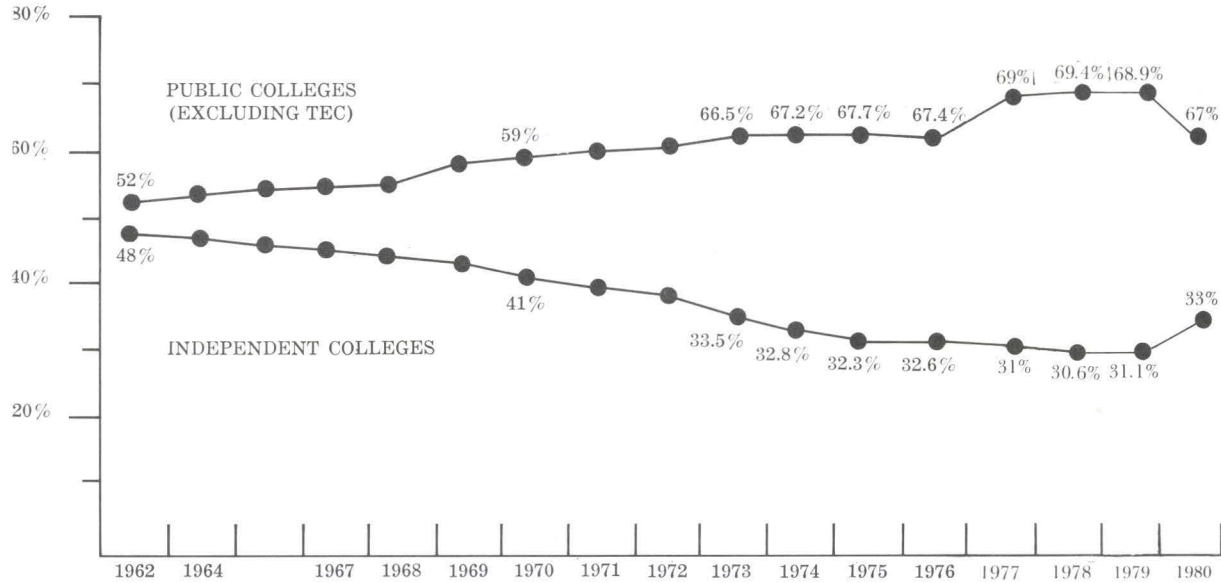
**S.C. RESIDENT ENROLLMENTS AT THE NINETEEN
COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN
TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
Allen							172	267
Anderson	931	966	933	1004	892	947	1018	952
Baptist	1085	1105	1203	1207	1207	1360	1240	1272
Benedict	1126	1103	1473	1808	1839	1613	1411	1241
Central Wesleyan	156	196	174	171	184	228	222	232
Claflin	764	785	870	948	851	803	812	682
Coker	488	485	344	335	239	219	206	212
Columbia.....	787	793	733	766	792	789	836	845
Converse	312	324	327	317	304	296	302	301
Erskine	435	470	527	493	485	489	443	464
Furman	1041	1221	993	901	860	903	935	961
Limestone	292	325	358	528	572	949	1031	1265
Morris.....	326	415	503	552	601	561	621	559
Newberry	574	595	625	631	624	632	690	642
North Greenville	634	639	527	460	432	437	412	491
Presbyterian	476	465	504	501	455	445	450	450
Spartanburg	758	751	840	898	909	822	778	801
Voorhees	692	813	939	935	867	717	629	547
Wofford	749	735	695	763	721	704	749	683
TOTAL STUDENTS .	11,626	12,186	12,628	13,218	12,834	12,914	12,957	12,867

FULL-TIME COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS BY PUBLIC & PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS



PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTS AWARDED 1980-81

	Applications Received	Grants
Allen	84	61
Anderson	888	659
Baptist	1,460	996
Benedict	1,375	984
Central Wesleyan	228	181
Claflin	762	542
Coker	219	159
Columbia	684	570
Converse	205	157
Erskine	409	346
Furman	875	740
Limestone	438	330
Morris	484	313
Newberry	628	475
North Greenville	424	309
Presbyterian	360	292
Spartanburg Methodist	752	539
Voorhees	459	372
Wofford	595	454
Other	187	
TOTALS	11,516	8,479

1980-1981 TUITION GRANTS

COLLEGE	FRESHMEN		SOPHOMORES		JUNIORS		SENIORS		TOTALS		AVERAGE
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	
Allen	9	\$6,730	22	\$15,930	11	\$6,170	19	\$13,700	61	\$42,530	697
Anderson	364	\$385,968	295	\$334,665		\$0		\$0	659	\$720,633	1094
Baptist	268	\$343,490	289	\$466,295	248	\$397,755	191	\$281,295	996	\$1,488,835	1495
Benedict	275	\$283,433	254	\$266,962	229	\$253,240	226	\$235,821	984	\$1,039,456	1056
Central Wesleyan ..	41	\$49,510	43	\$61,920	52	\$72,455	45	\$63,100	181	\$246,985	1365
Clafflin	137	\$117,265	138	\$126,840	140	\$124,810	127	\$111,210	542	\$480,125	886
Coker	42	\$48,747	46	\$68,025	41	\$58,440	30	\$43,310	159	\$218,522	1374
Columbia	172	\$226,272	156	\$246,306	127	\$204,095	115	\$184,720	570	\$861,393	1511
Converse	41	\$57,232	42	\$76,704	35	\$59,710	39	\$66,086	157	\$259,732	1654
Erskine	103	\$139,725	80	\$142,210	105	\$186,315	58	\$104,520	346	\$572,770	1655
Furman	219	\$291,866	194	\$342,995	175	\$297,182	152	\$271,157	740	\$1,203,200	1626
Limestone	77	\$79,965	67	\$89,388	104	\$134,409	82	\$118,321	330	\$422,083	1279
Morris	86	\$54,935	87	\$52,970	72	\$42,195	68	\$36,295	313	\$186,395	596
Newberry	120	\$161,230	145	\$245,780	104	\$175,600	106	\$185,170	475	\$767,780	1616
North Greenville...	193	\$174,920	115	\$112,245	1	1,000		\$0	309	\$288,165	933
Presbyterian	92	\$117,700	66	\$116,250	70	\$132,670	64	\$116,110	292	\$482,730	1653
Spartanburg	331	\$299,712	206	\$214,660	2	\$3,600		\$0	539	\$517,972	961
Voorhees	70	\$56,390	131	\$116,435	72	\$65,850	99	\$95,140	372	\$333,815	897
Wofford	152	\$200,906	128	\$224,932	100	\$170,750	74	\$123,646	454	\$720,234	1586
TOTAL	2,792	\$3,095,996	2,504	\$3,321,512	1,688	\$2,386,246	1,495	\$2,049,601	8,479	\$10,853,355	
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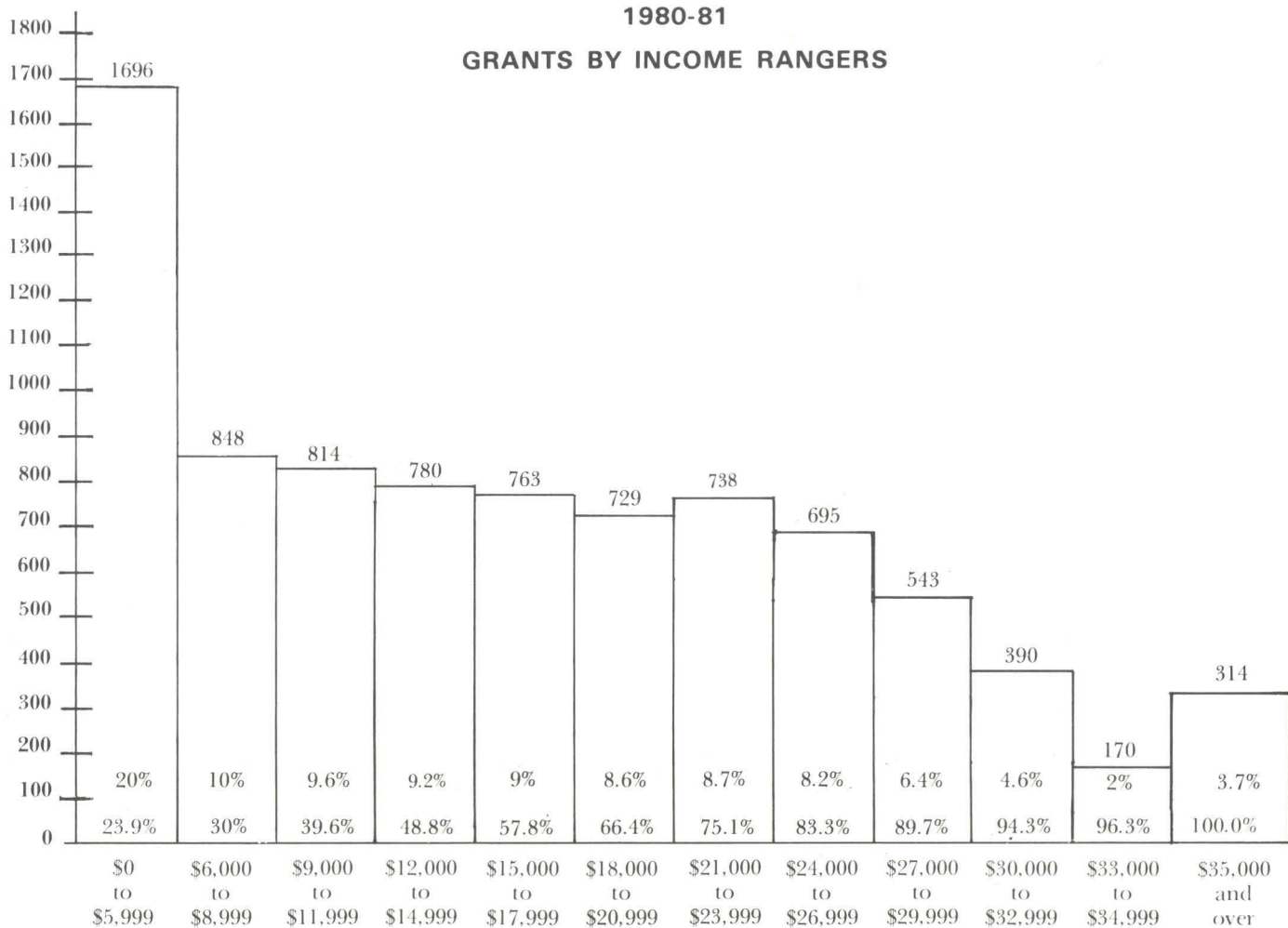
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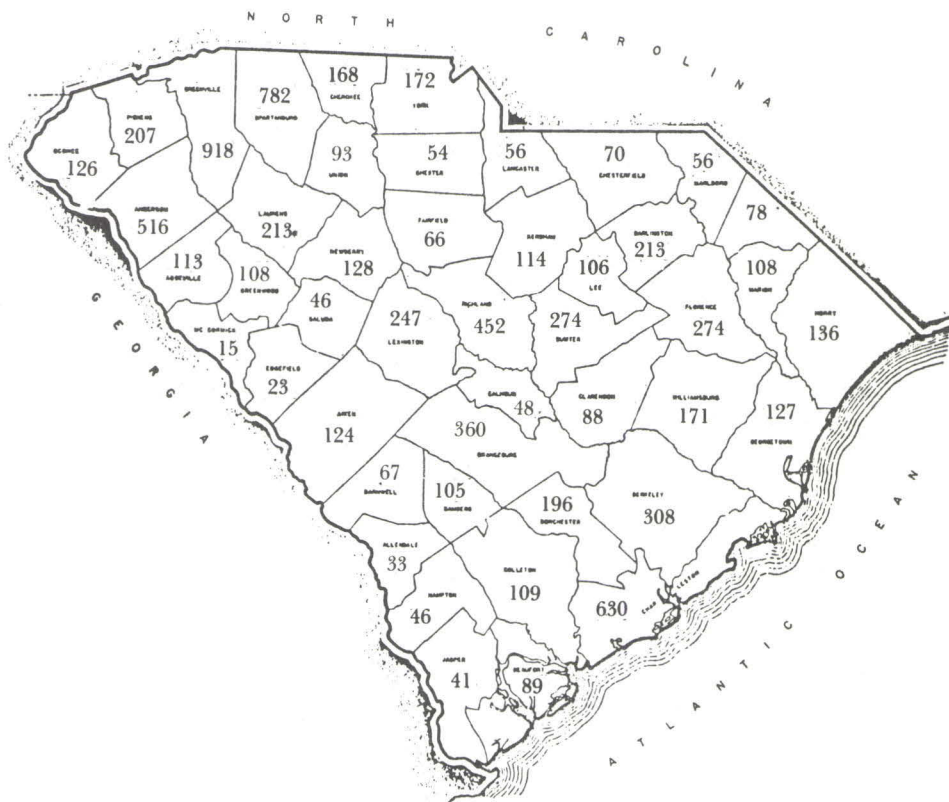
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1979-80 TUITION GRANTS BREAKDOWN

County	Number of Recipients	Percentage of Recipients	Percentage of State Population
Abbeville	113	1.33	.81
Aiken	124	1.46	3.51
Allendale	33	0.39	.37
Anderson	516	6.07	4.07
Bamberg	105	1.24	.62
Barnwell	67	0.79	.66
Beaufort	89	1.05	1.97
Berkeley	308	3.64	2.16
Calhoun	48	0.56	.42
Charleston	630	7.35	9.55
Cherokee	168	1.98	1.42
Chester	54	0.63	1.15
Chesterfield	70	0.83	1.30
Clarendon	88	1.04	.98
Colleton	109	1.28	1.06
Darlington	213	2.52	2.06
Dillon	78	0.92	1.11
Dorchester	196	2.32	1.25
Edgefield	23	0.27	.61
Fairfield	66	0.78	.77
Florence	274	3.24	2.46
Georgetown	127	1.50	1.30
Greenville	918	10.80	9.28
Greenwood	108	1.28	1.92
Hampton	46	0.54	.61
Horry	136	1.61	2.70
Jasper	41	0.48	.46
Kershaw	114	1.35	1.34
Lancaster	56	0.66	1.67
Laurens	213	2.52	1.92
Lee	106	1.25	.71
Lexington	247	2.92	3.43
McCormick	15	1.77	.31
Marion	108	1.30	1.17
Marlboro	56	0.66	1.05
Newberry	128	1.51	1.13
Oconee	126	1.49	1.57
Orangeburg	360	4.25	2.70
Pickens	207	2.45	2.30
Richland	452	5.31	9.03
Saluda	46	0.54	.56
Spartanburg	782	9.24	6.71
Sumter	274	3.24	3.07
Union	93	1.10	1.13
Williamsburg	171	2.02	1.32
York	172	2.03	3.30

1980-81 TUITION GRANTS PER COUNTY



1979-1980 TUITION GRANTS

COLLEGE	FRESHMAN		SOPHOMORES		JUNIORS		SENIORS		TOTALS	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Allen	10	\$5,140	16	\$8,381	18	\$11,130	31	\$19,133	75	\$43,784
Anderson	372	\$439,751	209	\$256,523					581	\$696,274
Baptist	316	\$567,039	247	\$436,140	204	\$371,220	125	\$199,051	892	\$1,573,453
Benedict	243	\$272,930	251	\$292,575	259	\$293,281	276	\$285,653	1,029	\$1,144,439
Central Wesleyan ...	21	\$34,400	40	\$62,195	46	\$71,786	48	\$75,425	155	\$243,806
Clafflin	123	\$116,669	184	\$173,326	152	\$133,923	132	\$119,233	591	\$543,151
Coker	36	\$56,502	32	\$51,390	38	\$62,075	38	\$57,890	144	\$227,857
Columbia	152	\$265,053	139	\$229,887	112	\$191,523	74	\$126,625	477	\$813,088
Converse	38	\$73,872	29	\$57,056	28	\$53,476	37	\$68,380	132	\$252,784
Erskine	82	\$152,960	89	\$167,245	75	\$143,087	76	\$135,695	322	\$598,987
Furman	183	\$330,809	152	\$280,667	155	\$289,144	136	\$240,531	626	\$1,141,151
Limestone	51	\$86,080	70	\$109,903	84	\$131,463	65	\$103,789	270	\$431,235
Morris	62	\$34,821	69	\$38,735	66	\$37,080	69	\$39,373	266	\$150,009
Newberry	170	\$312,557	108	\$203,680	115	\$220,546	102	\$187,243	495	\$924,026
North Greenville	116	\$133,681	72	\$76,400					188	\$210,081
Presbyterian	67	\$128,141	70	\$130,043	69	\$128,735	31	\$57,880	237	\$444,799
Spartanburg Meth....	227	\$241,091	171	\$166,975					398	\$408,066
Voorhees	62	\$56,790	81	\$81,810	98	\$88,404	97	\$93,742	338	\$320,746
Wofford	127	\$236,653	91	\$169,2599	85	\$155,773	115	\$209,141	418	\$770,826
TOTAL	2,458	\$3,544,939	2,118	\$2,992,109	1,605	\$2,382,701	1,453	\$2,018,813	7,634	\$10,938,562

AWARDS, STATE FUNDS, AND TOTAL FUNDS HISTORY

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>
STATE APPROPRIATION	\$5000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,180,000	\$7,255,473
TOTAL FUNDS	\$5000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,398,882	\$7,460,840
NUMBER OF GRANTS		43	134	3,271	5,186	5,784

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>
STATE APPROPRIATION	\$7,332,686	\$8,354,749	\$9,356,497	\$9,907,590	\$10,834,659
TOTAL FUNDS	\$7,833,339	\$9,085,707	\$10,133,140	\$10,788,633	\$11,700,785
NUMBER OF GRANTS	7,516	7,758	8,335	7,634	8,479

*Number of 1979-80 grants does not include total number of new second semester awards.

**Number of 1980-81 grants includes 1049 grants for second semester only.

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